

Listing of Claims

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A cross aisle connection panel comprising:
 - a housing with a top and a bottom, a first and second opposed sides and first and second opposed ends defining an enclosed interior;
 - a plurality of input connectors on the first side;
 - a plurality of output connectors on the first side electronically connected with the plurality of input connectors;
 - a first cable bracket ring-structure mounted at each opposed end; and
 - a second cable bracket ring-structure mounted at each opposed end;
 - wherein the second cable bracket ring-structure is hingedly mounted about a vertical axis and movable between a first and second position;
 - wherein the second cable bracket ring-structure covers at least some of the input and output connectors on the first side when in the first position; and
 - wherein the covered input and output connectors are exposed when the second cable bracket ring-structure is in the second position.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The cross aisle panel of claim 1, wherein the housing includes mounting flanges at each end for mounting the panel to a telecommunications equipment rack and the housing and cable brackets ring-structures are sized and shaped to fit within a telecommunications rack.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The cross aisle panel of claim 1, wherein the second cable bracket ring-structure is hingedly mounted to the first cable bracket ring-structure.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A telecommunications rack comprising:
 - a base having a first side and opposing second side;
 - a first vertical frame member having a top and a bottom, the bottom being attached to the first side;
 - a second vertical frame member having a top and a bottom, the bottom being attached to the second side;

a top connecting the top of the first vertical frame member with the top of the second vertical frame member;

a cross aisle panel mounted to the vertical frame members, the cross aisle panel including:

a housing with first and second opposing ends;

a faceplate including a plurality of input connectors on a first side of the faceplate;

a plurality of output connectors on the first side electronically connected to the plurality of input connectors;

a first cable bracket ring structure mounted at each opposing end; and

a second cable bracket ring structure mounted at each opposing end;

wherein the second cable bracket ring structure is hingedly mounted about a vertical axis and movable between a first and second position;

wherein the second cable bracket ring structure covers at least some of the input and output connectors on the first side when in the first position; and

wherein the covered input and output connectors are exposed when the second cable bracket ring structure is in the second position.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The telecommunications rack of claim 4, wherein the rack includes a plurality of vertical cable guides defining a first vertical cable channel and the first cable bracket ring structure defines a portion of the first vertical cable channel.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The telecommunications rack of claim 5, wherein the vertical cable guides define a second vertical cable channel and the second cable bracket ring structure defines a portion of the second vertical cable channel.